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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

PRE-COMPUTING AND USING MULTIPLE PLACEMENT COST ATTRIBUTES TO QUANTIFY THE QUALITY OF A PLACEMENT CONFIGURATION WITHIN A

PARTITIONED REGION

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the "Cross Reference to Related Applications" on page 1, lines 1-11,

and insert therein a new "Claim of Benefit to Prior Applications" as follows:

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